## Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations General Assembly Conference January 10, 2013

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) held a conference at the General Assembly Building (morning) and the State Capitol (afternoon) on Thursday, January 10, 2013. No business was conducted and no roll was called.

## **Members and Alternate Members Present**

Bruce Brown, AMVETS

James Clem, Roanoke Valley Veterans Council

Dan Dennison, National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)

Frank Driscoll, Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Robert Fairchild, *Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)* 

Juanita Farrow, representing the Veterans Services Foundation

Carmen Gentile, Reserve Officers Association

Thomas Gimble, MOPH

Thad Jones, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services

Donald Kaiserman, Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

Allan McCroskey, Disabled American Veterans

Thomas Moran, NAUS

Jeff Platte, Air Force Association

John Predergast, Marine Corps League

Brett Reistad, American Legion

Rich Rinaldo, *Legion of Valor (LOV)* 

Richard Schollmann, representing the Veterans Services Foundation

John Velleca, Virginia National Guard Association

Stu Williams, Military Officers Association of America

Abe Zino, Fleet Reserve Association

## **Others Present**

Joe Barto, TMG, Inc.

Stanley Crow, AUSA

Faye Earley, AUSA

Ken Knight, American Legion

Thomas Richards, LOV

Glen Rodriguez, Navy Seabee Veterans of America

James Samuel, MOPH

Isabelle Slifer, AUSA

Cynthia Young, McGuire VA Medical Center

Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General

Carol Rauschberg, Department of Human Resource Management

Steven Combs, Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

Jack Hilgers, DVS

Anthony Kyle, DVS

Antonio Obando, Jr., DVS

Mike Coleman, Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Adam Smith, Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Al Pianalto, Office of Delegate Kirk Cox

Chairman Don Kaiserman called the morning session of the conference to order at 9:00 a.m. in the 5 East Conference Room of the General Assembly Building. Chairman Kaiserman and Mr. Hilgers briefly covered a few administrative details. Rich Rinaldo noted that a printed summary of the JLC initiatives and supporting position papers had not been provided to the conference attendees as in years past, and asked that printed copies be made available to the attendees at future conferences.

Speakers that addressed the Conference during the morning session were:

- Delegate Rich Anderson
- Senator Toddy Puller
- Senator Frank Wagner
- Delegate Mark Dudenhefer
- Delegate John O'Bannon
- Delegate David Toscano
- Delegate Kirk Cox
- Speaker of the House of Delegates Bill Howell
- Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli
- Senate President Pro Tempore Walter Stosch
- Delegate Mamye BaCote

The JLC recessed at 11:15 in order to allow time for attendees to visit legislators in their offices, attend the "Morning Hour" sessions of the House and Senate, and have lunch.

Chairman Kaiserman reconvened the conference at 1:15 p.m. in the State Capitol, House Room 3. Afternoon speakers were:

- MG Daniel Long, Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard
- The Honorable Terrie L. Suit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
- Delegate Chris Stolle
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter
- Senator Bryce Reeves
- Delegate Rich Anderson
- Senator Ralph Northam

The conference ended at 3:15 p.m.